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This country has been blessed with freedom and the strength to empower its people with it. Freedom is independence, liberty and the exemption from the power and control of another. Microsoft is slowly taking away our freedom of choice by taking full control of our computer and the internet. They are doing it without having any responsibility over such consequences as security of personal data.

Microsoft products are by nature insecure and they are in constant threat of being hacked or cracked. The thousands of viruses and worms that are propagated each year is proof of Microsoft's lack of security. The fact is that any 10 year old child can become proficient enough in word or excel to create a macro virus sophisticated enough to delete files and email itself to others. It is no wonder that a full range of Microsoft products are by nature insecure and are promoted as secure, for example, Microsoft Portal and Hailstorm, Windows XP, IIS web server, Microsoft Exchange, Microsoft Outlook, and Internet Explorer. These products are dangerous to the public at large. They are the most attacked products on the internet and they are the gateways for hackers to get into servers that contain personal public information. Today companies can't compete with Microsoft products because they used their Operating System and proprietary file formats and protocols to Monopolize 90% of the software industry.

Everyone knows that Microsoft killed its competition by not releasing vital information about its operating system on time. In fact, Microsoft may have provided out dated information about its operating system just to make sure other applications crashed. This type of competition is illegal but Microsoft was allowed to play dirty in the early days of Windows 3.X and 95. Now that they have made their products the standard in the industry through illegal practices, why should they keep the proprietary licenses for their file format and protocols? I think that a case can be made against Microsoft's patent for these licenses. This government should not allowed such dirty underhanded and illegal practices to continue unpunished. The law should be firm and strict with Microsoft. The first penalty I would act on is to force Microsoft to make all of their formats and protocols freely available to the public so that compatible products that read, write and understand Microsoft protocols and file formats can be produce.

I strongly believe that Microsoft is a threat to our nations security and to fair competition in the software business industry. The punishment that has been applied to the company is far to lenient. The only recourse as a free nation is to make sure that Microsoft is

crippled from performing such actions today and in the future. To make
the company give up its competitive edge by releasing its file formats
and protocols so that new software companies can rise and compete. This
should stimulate growth and allow citizens to choose the best product
for their needs.